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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: TAKAGI et al.

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For: METALLIC BELT AND PUSH BLOCK USED THEREFOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This response is in reply to an election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated January 23, 2009, in the above-identified application, with a one month shortened statutory period, making a response due on or before February 23, 2009.

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has issued an election of species requirement and asserts that the application contains the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species A: Figures 1-12(b), 15 and 17-23;

Species B: Figure 13;